

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3582
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that certain entities related to agriculture and bioenergy are inactive and are no longer needed to carry out the mission for which they were originally created. C.S.H.B. 3582 seeks to abolish these entities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3582 abolishes the Agriculture Policy Board, the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council, and the Texas Bioenergy Research Committee and requires the Department of Agriculture to take custody of any property, records, or other assets, including unspent and unobligated appropriations, of an entity abolished by the bill.

C.S.H.B. 3582 repeals the following provisions of the Agriculture Code:

- Section 2.004
- Chapter 50D

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3582 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SECTION 1. AGRICULTURE POLICY BOARD. (a) The Agriculture Policy Board is abolished.	SECTION 1. Same as introduced version.

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(b) Section 2.004, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. SHRIMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The shrimp advisory committee is abolished.

(b) Section 47.052(b), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioner[~~, in consultation with the advisory committee established under Section 47.053,~~] shall adopt rules as necessary to implement the program.

(c) Sections 47.051(1) and 47.053, Agriculture Code, are repealed.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 3. TEXAS ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD. (a) The Texas Organic Agricultural Industry Advisory Board is abolished.

(b) Chapter 50C, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 4. TEXAS BIOENERGY POLICY COUNCIL; TEXAS BIOENERGY RESEARCH COMMITTEE. (a) The Texas Bioenergy Policy Council and the Texas Bioenergy Research Committee are abolished.

(b) Chapter 50D, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 5. PROPERTY, RECORDS, OR OTHER ASSETS. If an entity that is abolished by this Act has property, records, or other assets, including unspent and unobligated appropriations, the Department of Agriculture shall take custody of the entity's property, records, or other assets.

SECTION 3. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

SECTION 4. Same as introduced version.